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1. The firm Fischer & Hoyer in Stützerbach, Thuringia, is producing glass extractors for use in Russia. Prior to 1945, the firm had a crew of about 300. After the end of the war, most of the enterprise was burned down by an accidental fire and later was in part rebuilt. It works now only with 48 glass blowers because the owners want to avoid becoming a VEB (state-owned enterprise). It works exclusively for shipment to Russia.

2. Upon Russian orders, the firm produces extraction columns (Extraktionskolonnen), glass tubes of 1 meter length and 15 centimeter diameter, built around a winding glass pipe inside of the tube. Between the pipe and the inner wall of the tube, water flows in order to cool vapor mounting in the pipe. The pipe is connected to a large glass bowl containing the vapor from which certain substances are to be extracted. Separation takes place through an opening at the upper end of the tube.

3. The firm produces between 70 and 80 extractors per day. It has already delivered to Russia "several thousands" of these extractors, [REDACTED] order for the production of butyrometers (milk testing devices) which the firm received in July 1949 could, so far, not be filled because the production capacity of the firm is entirely taken up by its production of extractors for the Russians. The extractors are shipped by train to Russia to a destination unknown

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